

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 5, 2010

SENATE BILL

No. 1156

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 18, 2010

~~An act to amend Section 5102 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles. An act relating to air pollution, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1156, as amended, Cedillo. ~~Vehicles: environmental license plates. Heavy-duty trucks: grants: compliance.~~

(1) Existing law creates the Air Quality Improvement Fund, which is administered by the State Air Resources Board. The moneys in the fund are available to the state board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement the Air Quality Improvement Program.

This bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the Air Quality Improvement Fund to the state board for the purpose of providing direct grants to owners of on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled motor vehicles in order to purchase equipment for compliance with any regulation adopted by the state board for the reduction of air pollution from those vehicles.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special distinctive motor vehicle license plates, including, not limited to, the environmental license plates. Existing law requires, among other things, that the environmental license plates be the same color as regular passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer license plates.~~

~~This bill would instead require that the environmental license plates be the color green.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Chapter 8.9 (commencing with*
2 *Section 44270) of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety*
3 *Code, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is appropriated*
4 *from the Air Quality Improvement Fund established pursuant to*
5 *Section 44274.5 of the Health and Safety Code to the State Air*
6 *Resources Board for the purpose of providing grants to owners*
7 *of on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled motor vehicles in order to*
8 *purchase equipment for compliance with any regulation adopted*
9 *by the State Air Resources Board for the reduction of air pollution*
10 *from those vehicles.*

11 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
12 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
13 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
14 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

15 *In order to provide help to financially struggling on-road*
16 *heavy-duty diesel-fueled motor vehicle owners as soon as possible,*
17 *it is necessary that this act take effect immediately as an urgency*
18 *statute.*

19 ~~SECTION 1. Section 5102 of the Vehicle Code is amended to~~
20 ~~read:~~

21 ~~5102. The environmental license plates shall be the color green~~
22 ~~and shall be the same design as regular passenger vehicle,~~
23 ~~commercial vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer license plates, and shall~~
24 ~~consist of any combination of numbers or letters, not exceeding~~
25 ~~seven positions and not less than two positions, if there are no~~
26 ~~conflicts with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle,~~
27 ~~or special license plates series or with Section 4851.~~